

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following paragraph:

--[0004] Dust covers for hand-held firearms have long been known in the art, especially from their use with handguns that have a housing. Example uses include covering the magazine opening, (e.g., the submachine gun ~~automatic pistol~~ MAS Mod. 1938) or the ejection opening (e.g., the assault ~~combat~~ rifle 44) of the firearm. In the case of a magazine dust cover, the dust cover employs a mechanical locking device such as a simple catch piece that may be opened and closed by hand. In the case of an ejection opening dust cover, the action of a spring causes the dust cover to open automatically when the moving breechblock opens the mechanical locking device. When not firing or when handling the gun, the ejection door may be closed by hand. --.